A.—**Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY** (Chief Minister).—

The provisions of the Constitution will be borne in mind when constituting the Commission.

Disposal of date reserves in the Districts where total Prohibition is introduced.

Q.*—68. **Sri M. MADIAH (Mysore District—Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether a committee was appointed to find out ways and means for the disposal of lands in the date reserves and in the district where total prohibition was introduced in the State (a copy of the Government Order appointing the committee may kindly be appended) ;

(*b*) whether the committee has submitted its report to Government for orders ;

(*c*) whether the committee has made any recommendations for reservation of the date reserve lands to the members of the Depressed Classes ;

(*d*) whether orders are passed by the Government on the report ;

(*e*) if the answers from (*a*) to (*d*) *supra* are in the affirmative, the percentage of date reserve lands reserved for the members of the Depressed Classes ?

A.—**Sri H. SIDDAIYA** (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(*a*) Yes. A copy of the Government Order No. R. 5617-26—L. R. 322-48-2, dated 8th January 1949, is given below.

(*b*) Final report of the committee about the release of date groves in the Kolar District only was received by the Government in the second week of March 1950. In regard to the other Districts of Tumkur and Chitaldrug, the reports of the date grove sub-committees are awaited.

(*c*) Yes. The committee has recommended that special preference should be given to the Depressed Classes while granting date grove lands in the Kolar District.

(*d*) Orders will issue immediately after full information is available.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of the answers above.

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Order No. R. 5617-26—L.R. 322-48-2, dated Bangalore, the 8th January 1949.

Consequent on the introduction of total prohibition in the Districts of Tumkur, Chitaldrug and Kolar with effect from 1st July 1948, and in view of the representations made to reserve Date Reserve land for being granted to Depressed Class people it has become necessary to release suitable areas out of the Date Groves in the districts for cultivation.

Government are pleased to constitute a Committee consisting of the Revenue Commissioner (Chairman), the Excise Commissioner, the Additional Director of Industries and Commerce with the Deputy Commissioner of the District concerned to survey the areas which are now reserved as Date Groves in each of the Districts of Tumkur Chitaldrug and Kolar and make recommendations for releasing up to fifty per cent of the areas for allotment for cultivation. The Committee will prepare maps of each of the districts showing the areas proposed to be released and those which will be reserved ; and further indicate the nature of the soil of the released areas, e.g., the extent of their fertility, and for what purpose they can be used. Since Government have under consideration a system of co-operative farming or collective farming, the Committee may also indicate areas which may be suitable for the purpose.

The Committee is requested to submit their report on these questions within a month.

Sri H. R. Thippaiah, Assistant Commissioner, will be the Secretary to the Committee.

The question as to the disposal of the released lands will be considered by Government after the report of the Committee is received.

Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Protection of Harijans from social injustice and exploitation.

Q.*—69 **Sri M. MADIAH (Mysore District—Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the names of the villages in each taluk in the Districts of Mandya and Mysore from where complaints are made for the last three years by the members of the Harijan community and from others to the concerned police officers, Deputy Commissioners and other Government officers concerned about the cruel treatment or atrocious actions of the non-Harijans against the Harijans of the respective villages (yearwar information may kindly be furnished) ;